M. R. Ry. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar Avl., Nellayi.
,, K. R. Ramakrishnan Avl., Chittur—Ezhuvas.
Rama Varmha Tampuran (Comptroller of Finance and Accounts).
M. R. Ry. C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar Avl., Chittur—Tattamangalam.
,, B. Subbarayan Chetty Avl., *Nominated*—Tamil Non-Brahmins.
,, K. M. Subramania Ayyar Avl. (Commissioner of Excise).
,, T. V. Subramania Ayyar Avl., Nemmara.
,, M. Sivarama Menon Avl., Ernakulam.
,, A. Sivarama Menon Avl., (Cheruthuruthi—Minister for Rural Development).
Sreemathi Thankamma N. Menon, Ernakulam—Women.
M. R. Ry. Thomas Manjuran Avl. (Advocate-General).
,, K. P. Vallon Avl., *Nominated*—Pulayas.
,, K. R. Viswambharan Avl., Talappalli—Ezhuvas.

OPENING SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. President: Honourable Members, I have great pleasure in extending a cordial welcome to all the Members of the Council. Amongst those whom the electorate has returned, some have sat in this Council for many years and others have come for the first time. I have no doubt that within a short time the new members will become familiar with the practice and traditions of this House. Enough has been said during the last few weeks about the memorable changes that have been brought about in the character and composition of the Legislature of Cochin and I do not propose to dilate on that theme. The Members of this Council have come with the mandate of an electorate which is nearly three times as large as the electorate that returned your predecessors. The first place on the Government benches is now occupied by an elected representative of the people, thus symbolising the fundamental change that has been brought about by the New Constitution. In spite of differences amongst the political parties and individuals, every one has welcomed the New Constitution in a spirit of goodwill. I hope that your deliberations in this and the succeeding sessions will result in promoting the happiness and prosperity of the people of the State.

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